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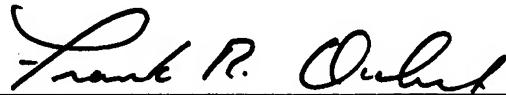
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Applicants recognize that in accordance with M.P.E.P. §1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, Applicants do not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. The claims may be patentable for other reasons. In addition, the dependent claims are submitted to be allowable on their own merits, on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

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